

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 TEITELBAUM *et al.*) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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 For: TRANSPEDICULAR INTERVERTEBRAL DISK
 ACCESS METHODS AND DEVICES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: